

**CMS Net**

# **Pending Eligibility**

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## **Preface**

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### **Legend**

In procedures on the following pages users will see various symbols used.

- ✓ When a procedure is described, the check mark indicates the result of an action.
- ➡ The arrow indicates a content note.

## Pending Eligibility CMSPE-20

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### Overview

This chapter describes how to use the full screen interview process. This screen allows the user to:

- Send interview letters (C-16's and C-38's)
  - Schedule interviews
  - Set up ticklers for the next interview
  - Follow the progress of the patient's Medi-Cal application.
  - Establish current and future date ranges for Program Eligibility
  - Set ticklers for Medi-Cal follow-up
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### Patient Registration Status

When selecting eligibility, a user will identify a client. Once the client is identified, the system shall check the registration status.

If the registration status is "Closed", "Denied" or "Not Open" the user shall be presented with the following pop-up message:

Patient Registration Status is: *(Closed, Denied or Not Open)*.  
Please update the Patient Registration Face Sheet.  
[Quit]

Press <Enter> to access the Patient Identification screen.

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### Program Eligibility Date Ranges

A client can have two Program Eligibility date ranges present during the annual eligibility determination.

- One represents the current, active-program eligibility period
- The other represents the pending period. (up to 60 days prior to the current end date.)

Upon selecting or identifying a client, **one of four** messages will display.

### No Program Eligibility

1. If **no** program eligibility period exists, this message displays:

```
This client has no program eligibility
period on file:
(?) Establish a new program eligibility
period.
( ) Quit
```

If...	Then...
The user chooses the option "Establish a new program eligibility period,"	The system displays the Pending Eligibility (CMSPE-20) screen.
The user selects Quit,	The system displays the Patient Identification screen. (CMSPI-10)

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**Current  
Program  
Eligibility**

2. If **a current** program eligibility periods exists, this message displays:

```
Which Program Eligibility Period would you
like to enter for this client?
(?) Enter the current 99/99/9999 program
eligibility period.
( ) Establish a new program eligibility
period.
( ) Quit
```

If...	Then...
The user selects "Enter the current 99/99/9999 program eligibility period"	The system displays the Eligibility Menu (CMSEM-10).
The user selects "Establish a new program eligibility period,"	The system will review the current program eligibility period to verify that a "Program End Date" has been established. If Yes, the system will display the Pending Eligibility Screen (CMSSPE-20). If No, the system will display a message as indicated below.
The user selects Quit,	The system displays the Patient Identification screen. (CMSPI-10)

**Current  
Program  
Eligibility**

If **a current** program eligibility period exists without an end date and the user attempts to "Establish a new program eligibility period", the following message will be displayed:

```
Current 99/99/9999 program eligibility period does
not have an End Date. Program End Date must be set
before new eligibility period can be established.
(?) Go to Program Eligibility for current period
to establish End Date
( ) Quit
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If...	Then...
The user selects "Go to Program Eligibility for current period to establish End Date"	The system displays the Program Eligibility screen (CMSPE-25) for the user to enter the Program End Date.
The user selects Quit,	The system displays the Eligibility action message screen.

### Two Program Eligibility Periods

3. If **two** program eligibility periods exist, this message displays:

```
Which Program Eligibility Period would
you like to enter for this client?
(?) Enter the current 99/99/9999
program eligibility period.
( ) Enter the pending 99/99/9999
program eligibility period.
( ) Quit
```

If...	Then...
The user selects " Enter the <b>current</b> 99/99/9999 program eligibility period,"	The system displays the Eligibility Menu (CMSEM-10).
The user selects " Enter the <b>pending</b> 99/99/9999 program eligibility period,"	The system displays the Eligibility Menu (CMSEM-10).
The user selects Quit,	The system displays the Patient Identification screen. (CMSPI-10)

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**Expired  
Program  
Eligibility**

4. If a user selects a patient with an **expired** Program Eligibility Date Range, but the *case* is still **active**, the following message displays:

This client has an expired program eligibility period on file. Would you like to:

(?) Establish a new program eligibility period.

( ) Go to Client Eligibility and close this case.

( ) Quit

If...	Then...
The user selects "Establish a new program eligibility period,"	The system displays the Pending Eligibility screen.
The user selects to "Go to Client Eligibility and close this case,"	The system displays the Client Eligibility screen for case closure.
The user selects "Quit"	The system displays the following Branch Menu.

(?) Mail Message for Pending Eligibility

( ) Narrative for Pending Eligibility

( ) Identify New Patient

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**Pending Eligibility Screen (CMSPE-20)**

To access the Pending Eligibility Screen:

Step	Action
1	From the Primary Menu, select Eligibility. Press <Enter>. ✓ The Patient Identification screen displays.
2	Identify and select the patient.
3	Select program eligibility date range from the pop-up message. Press <Enter>. ✓ The Eligibility Menu screen displays.
4	Select Pending Eligibility. Press <Enter>.

Use the <Down Arrow> to move from field to field. Required fields or fields that the user can change are **bolded**.

CMSNET		PENDING ELIGIBILITY		CMSPE-20	
1Pt Nm:	XXXXXXXXX1XXXXXXXXX2XXXXXXXXX3XXXXXXXXX4	CCS#:	9999999	CIN:	99999999X 9
2)Gender:	X	DOB:	99/99/9999	Lgl Co:	XXXXXXXXX1
		REG:	XXXXXXXXX	MED:	X
		F/R:	X		
Pgrm	Begin Date	99/99/9999	End	99/99/9999	CCS Elig Status
					XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
3)Pending Elig Type	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX+	4)Pending Interview Type	xxXXXXXXXXXXXXX+		
3)Letter Type	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX+	7a)Interview Scheduled	99/99/9999	7b)Time	99:99 xx
6Letter Status	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX+	7c)Interview Scheduled With:	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Interview Letter Cycle:					
Status:	Ltr Name:	Dt Printed:	Corresp #	Nxt Ltr Due:	
8XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	9)XXXXXXXX	10)99/99/9999	11)9999.99999	12)99/99/9999	
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	99/99/9999	9999.99999	99/99/9999	
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	99/99/9999	9999.99999	99/99/9999	
Pending Medi-Cal					
13 Dt M/C Not Referred	99/99/9999	14) Reason Not Referred	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX+		
15 Dt M/C Agrmnt Signed	99/99/9999	16) Dt M/C Appl Refused	99/99/9999		
17 Status Call Due	99/99/9999	18) Dt Deter M/C Not Compliant	99/99/9999		
19 Dt M/C Appl Completed	99/99/9999	20) Dt Self Declared	99/99/9999		
21) Comments	XXXXXXXXX1XXXXXXXXX2XXXXXXXXX3XXXXXXXXX4XXXXXXXXX5XXXXXXXXX6XXXXXXXXX7X				
	XXXXXXXXX1XXXXXXXXX2XXXXXXXXX3XXXXXXXXX4XXXXXXXXX5XXXXXXXXX6XXXXXXXXX7X				
	XXXXXXXXX1XXXXXXXXX2XXXXXXXXX3XXXXXXXXX4XXXXXXXXX5XXXXXXXXX6XXXXXXXXX7X				
23) Last Update By	XXXXXXXXX1XXXXXXXXX2XXXXXXXXX3	23) Date	99/99/9999		

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**Data Entry Fields**

The following table identifies and defines the fields for data entry on the Pending Eligibility screen.

Field #	Element Name	Description/Comments
1	(header)	Standard patient's header information
2a	Pgrm Begin Date	<b>Required</b> if no Program Eligibility Date Range already exists. Defaults to: Referral date from Patient Registration for the initial Pgrm Elig period <b>OR</b> One day past the previous Pgrm End Date for annual renewals. User is allowed to change.
2b	End	<b>Display Only</b> Populated from Program Eligibility Screen.
2c	CCS Elig Status	<b>Display Only</b> Populated from the Client Eligibility Screen , "CCS Elig Status"
3	Pending Elig Type	<b>Required</b> Choose from the Pick List and Press <Enter>. Values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elig Period Only</li> <li>• Interview Pending</li> <li>• Medi-Cal Pending</li> </ul> The Pending Medi-Cal tickler can be run in generate tickler batch correspondence section to follow up on your ticklers.
4	Pending Interview Type	<b>Required</b> if Pending Elig Type is "Interview Pending". Values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial</li> <li>• Annual</li> </ul> User must make a selection for the first letter. Thereafter, the field is deactivated.

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**Data Entry Fields (continued)**

<b>Field #</b>	<b>Element Name</b>	<b>Description/Comments</b>
5	Letter Type	<b>Required</b> if Pending Eligibility Type is "Interview Pending" Values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCS</li> <li>• Medi-Cal – for patients covered by M/C Full Scope No SOC</li> <li>• Healthy Families – patients enrolled in Healthy Families Plan</li> </ul>
6	Letter Status	<b>Required</b> if Pending Eligibility Type is "Interview Pending". Values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Letter Sent</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter Sent</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Letter Sent/NOA</li> </ul> Upon generating a first or second letter, Nxt Ltr Due T+15 tickler (PEND) is set. ➡ The " PEND " tickler can be run in generate tickler/batch correspondence section to follow up on your ticklers.
7a	Interview Scheduled: Date	<b>Optional</b> - MMDDYYYY ➡ The Interview tickler (INTV) will be set if the user schedules an interview. It can be run in generate tickler batch correspondence section to follow up on your ticklers.
7b	Interview Scheduled: Time	<b>Required</b> if Interview Scheduled date is filled. User enters the time the interview is scheduled if Field 7a is filled Standard time entry : (Hour, Minute, AM or PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HH:MMAM or</li> <li>• HH:MMPM</li> </ul>
7c	Interview Scheduled With	<b>Required</b> if Interview Scheduled date is filled. User keys the name of the person with whom the interview is scheduled. Free Text field.

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<b>Field #</b>	<b>Element Name</b>	<b>Description/Comments</b>
8	Interview Letter Cycle	<b>Display Only</b> Displays Interview Pending Letter history. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Letter sent</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter sent</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Letter sent/NOA</li> </ul>
9	Ltr Name	<b>Display Only</b> Displays Interview Pending Letter history and will display C-16, C-38A etc.
10	Date Printed	<b>Display Only</b> Displays Interview Pending Letter history with date letters were generated.
11	Corresp #	<b>Display Only</b> Displays Interview Pending Letter history with each unique correspondence number for letters generated.
12	Next Letter Due	<b>Display Only</b> Displays Interview Pending Letter history with the tickler date for next letter due.
13	Dt M/C Not Referred	<b>Optional</b> User keys date decision made not to refer to Medi-Cal. If a date is entered, user must enter Reason Not Referred  No future dates allowed
14	Reason Not Referred	<b>Required</b> if Dt M/C Not Referred is filled.  Values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy Families</li> <li>• Medi-Cal</li> <li>• Recently Denied by M/C</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>

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<b>Field #</b>	<b>Element Name</b>	<b>Description/Comments</b>
15	Dt M/C Agrmnt Signed	<b>Optional</b> User Keys the date the client reports that Medi-Cal agreement was signed  If a date is entered, system sets up a 60-day Pending Medi-Cal Tickler. (PMCAL) No future dates allowed.
16	Dt M/C Appl Refused	<b>Optional</b> User Keys the date the client refuses to apply for Medi-Cal. No future dates.  If date entered, upon saving, a NOA will be generated.
17	Status Call Due	<b>Display Only</b> Displays Pending Medi-Cal Tickler date (60 days) from the Date M/C Agreement was signed or from the date the client was Self-Declared.
18	Dt Deter M/C Not Compliant	<b>Optional</b> User Keys the date determined Medi-Cal is not compliant. If a date is entered, no future dates allowed. Upon saving, a NOA will be generated.
19	Dt M/C Appl Completed	<b>Optional</b> Date the Medi-Cal Application is completed.  No future dates allowed.
20	Dt Self Declared	<b>Optional</b> User keys the date client signed self-declaration document. No future dates allowed.  If a date is entered, system sets up a 60-day Pending Medi-Cal Tickler. (PMCAL)
21	Comments	<b>Optional</b> User can key information. Automatically populates narrative
22	Last Update By	<b>Display Only</b> Displays user's name that most recently modified any data.
23	Date	<b>Display Only</b> Displays the date of the last change.

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### Business Rules For Using Pending Eligibility Screen

The following business rules apply when using this screen:

- If “Pgrm Begin Date” is future date, users cannot select ‘Initial’ for interview type.
- “Pgrm Begin Date” can be *only up to 60 days* in the future (from the current Pgrm “End” Date).

### Pgrm Begin Date Rules and Restrictions

#### **Rules for Pgrm Begin Date:**

1. Pending Eligibility (CMSPE-20) and Program Eligibility, (CMSPE-25) screens are the **only** two places where users can change the “Pgrm Begin Date”.
2. The Pgrm Begin Date field defaults to the “Ref/Trf Dt” from Patient Registration for the initial program eligibility period established. The user can overwrite this field Start Date field.
  - If overwritten, the Face Sheet is NOT updated.
3. During annual renewal, the “Pgrm Begin Date” defaults to the previous period’s Pgrm “End” Date +1.

#### **Restrictions for Pgrm Begin Date:**

1. Pgrm Begin Date should not be on or after the patient's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. However, if it is necessary to establish a Pgrm Begin Date after patient's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, the system will display a warning message and user will need to override to continue.
2. If this is the "Initial" interview (Pending Eligibility CMSPE-20, screen), the “Pgrm Begin Date” can be today's date **or** prior dates [but NOT future].
3. If this is the "Annual" review (Pending Eligibility CMSPE-20 screen), “Pgrm Begin Date” can be up to 60 days in the future.
4. “Pgrm Begin Date” **cannot be prior or equal to any other** “Pgrm Begin Date”.

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**Pgrm End Date  
Rules and  
Restrictions**

**Rules for Pgrm End Date:**

1. Users must enter the “Pgrm End Date” on the Program Eligibility Screen.
2. The user can change the Pgrm “End” Date according to the rules noted.

**Restrictions for Pgrm End Date:**

- It **cannot** be before the “Pgrm Begin Date”.
- It **should not** be on or after the patient's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. If Pgrm End Date must exceed the patient's 21<sup>st</sup> birthdate, warning message is displayed and user must override.

**Pending  
Eligibility  
Letter Types**

The table below lists the types of letters used for Pending Eligibility and the timeframes (initial vs annual) when the user sends them.

<b>Pending Elig Type</b>	<b>Pending Interview Type</b>	<b>Letter Type</b>	<b>First Letter</b>	<b>Second Letter</b>	<b>NOA/Third Letter</b>
Interview Pending	Initial	CCS	C-16	C-16A	C-16B
		Medi-Cal	C-16M	C-16MA	C-16MB
		Healthy Families	C-16HF	C-16HFA	C-16HFB
	Annual	CCS	C-38	C-38A	C-38B
		Medi-Cal	C-38M	C-38MA	C-38MB
		Healthy Families	C-38HF	C-38HFA	C-38HFB
Medi-Cal Pending	No letters generated. Users can track Medi-Cal processes and set up follow-up ticklers.				
“Elig Period Only”	No letters generated; user must establish financial and residential eligibility.				

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**Action Menu**

The Pending Eligibility Action Menu has five selections:

Command	Action
Save:	<p>Save will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update data or perform other non-letter-triggering actions to the screen <b>or</b></li> <li>Generate the Pending Interview letter or NOA as appropriate.</li> </ul> <p>Upon selecting Save:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A pop-up message is displayed allowing user to identify if patient is Medi-Cal Full Scope/No SOC or Healthy Families.</li> </ul>
Reissue Letter	<p>If "Interview Pending" displays, <b>and</b> an interview letter has been sent, The system will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cancel the most recently generated letter.</li> <li>Update the Corresp #, Date Printed, and Next Letter Due. *</li> <li>Reset the tickler date. *</li> <li>Reissue the interview letter</li> <li></li> </ul> <p>If "Medi-Cal Pending" displays <b>and</b> a NOA has been generated, the system will re-issue the NOA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul> <p><b>* Note:</b></p> <p>The system will not update the fields listed and the tickler date until <u>after</u> the generation of the letter in Send Correspondence.</p>
Go Back One Letter	<p>The system will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove the last letter generated from the interview letter cycle.</li> <li>Remove ticklers from the last letter generated.</li> <li>Return patient record to previous letter.</li> </ol>
Cancel	<p>The Eligibility Menu (CMSEM-10) will display. The system will NOT save any changes.</p> <p>➡ They system will only display a branch menu if the user establishes a Program Eligibility Period. If NO Program Eligibility Period exists and the user chooses to 'Cancel', they shall be taken back to the Patient Id screen.</p>
Quit	The system returns to the Pending Eligibility (CMSPE-20) screen.

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### Save

Upon selecting Save from the Action Menu, the following pop-up message will be displayed:

Filing Eligibility period for Patient...

Please indicate any known coverage as follows:

- ( ) Neither Medi-Cal (Full-Scope/No SOC) nor Healthy Families
- ( ) Medi-cal (Full-Scope/No SOC)
- ( ) Healthy Families
- ( ) Both Medi-Cal (Full-Scope/No SOC) and Healthy Families

**Important Note:** If Medi-cal (Full-Scope/No SOC), Healthy Families or Both is selected, the Residential and Financial Worksheets will be auto-populated with data from the Patient Registration Face Sheet. If neither is selected, the eligibility screens will need to be manually entered.

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### Branch Menu

The system shall send the user to the Pending Eligibility Branch Menu under the following conditions:

- (?) Narrative for Pending Eligibility
- ( ) Mail Message for Pending Eligibility
- ( ) Eligibility Main Menu

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